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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: ZIONISM-RACISM AND MIDDLE  
EAST AT OAU AND NAM CONFERENCES

REF: LIBREVILLE 1863

1. DEPT HAS NOTED IN REPORT PARA 1 REFTEL A SOMEWHAT  
MISLEADING DESCRIPTION OF U.S. POSITION ON PARTICIPATION  
IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION. OUR NON-PARTICIPATION STANCE IS NOT  
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CONTINGENT UPON WHETHER OR NOT ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE IS  
CARRIED OVER INTO THE UN SYSTEM. IT IS CONTINGENT ON  
BREAKING THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND RESOLUTION 3379.

2. GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO BE HELD AUGUST 14-25,  
1978, IS A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO  
COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. UNGA LAUNCHED

DECADE BY RESOLUTION 3057 (XXVIII), ADOPTED NOVEMBER 15, 1973. U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE DECADE UNTIL UNGA ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975 ADOPTED RESOLUTION 3379, WHICH DETERMINED THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. BY MAKING THIS DETERMINATION, UNGA, IN OUR VIEW, PERVERTED THE UNDERLYING CONCEPTS OF THE DECADE. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE U.S. DECIDED THAT IT COULD NO LONGER

PARTICIPATE IN ANY DECADE ACTIVITIES AS LONG AS THE LINK BETWEEN UNGA RES. 3379 AND THE DECADE REMAINED. THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND RES. 3379 IS THE CRUCIAL ELEMENT. UNTIL THE UNGA TAKES APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BREAK THIS LINK THE USG MUST MAINTAIN ITS NON-PARTICIPATION POLICY IN ALL DECADE EVENTS, INCLUDING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. FYI. USDEL TO 32ND (1977) UNGA ENGAGED IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY ARAB DELEGATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON A FORMULA TO BE INCLUDED IN AN APPROPRIATE UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS RE-ESTABLISHING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AS THESE TERMS WERE ORIGINALLY UNDERSTOOD WHEN UNGA RES. 3057 LAUNCHING THE DECADE WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. UNFORTUNATELY THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE NON-PRODUCTIVE. END FYI.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY USE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO  
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CLARIFY U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND  
DECADE ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL. CHRISTOPHER

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